

Greenmount Old School
Proposed Replacement Garage
December 2024

Heritage Statement

The Site

Greenmount Old School

Brandlesholme Road

Greenmount

BL8 4DS

The Old School is a non-designated heritage asset.

Nature of the site

History: The original building was constructed in 1848 as a Church and Sunday School until the new Church was built in 1867. The building was extended and used as a Day School until its closure in 1982.

The building is owned by the Church and it was agreed to retain the building as a community centre. Public money was raised by many fundraising efforts to refurbish the building and keep up the maintenance. It is still well used by many individuals and organisations.

Extent of the Asset

The stone building occupies a site in the centre of the village on Brandlesholme Road. The site comprises of the main building surrounded on three sides by a tarmac yard/car park with one vehicle access/exit off the main road. The adjacent properties include a Medical Centre, the local store, two houses and a row of communal garages.

There are two concrete buildings on the site at the rear of the main building that are used by the local Guides and Scouts for storage of equipment. It is proposed to replace the larger of the two garages.

The Significance of the Asset

Greenmount came into existence in 1848 when the Sunday School was built and therefore is one of the original buildings in the village. Up to 1848 Greenmount was part of the outskirts of the village of Tottington. It has been used as a Church, a Sunday School, a Day School and since the 1980's it has been a community centre including a Pre-School/Nursery. The two buildings in the yard are required to support the organisations that have used the building for over 50 years. The Scouts have held weekly meeting there since 1965.

Greenmount Old School is an asset to the community.

The Proposed Works

The proposed works include the removal of the existing concrete garage/store that sits adjacent to the north and west boundaries of the Old School yard. The new building will have the same footprint to the existing but will be higher and will have a more pleasing appearance. It will be built off the concrete base in rendered blockwork to all elevations. The low pitched roof will be metal cladding, plastisol coated and there will be a roller shutter and separate personnel door. Details are shown on the drawings.

Relevant Planning History

The existing Scout garage was erected in 1994 – planning application 94/29568

The existing Guide garage was erected in 2003 – planning application 03/41353

Replacement of existing garage with steel framed storage building 05/08/2019 – planning permission granted (64311) Project didn't proceed due to the pandemic.

Replacement of existing storage garage with a new steel framed storage building 13/10/2022 – planning permission granted (68903) 12/12/2022.

The Impact on the Asset

As the new building sits in a corner of the site and not immediately adjacent to the Asset it is felt that it will have no detrimental impact on the site. The fact that the new building will be constructed in rendered blockwork, it is felt this will improve the appearance of the whole site. There is a row of domestic garages for residents in adjacent houses adjacent to the eastern boundary.

Conclusion

The proposed new building will not have a detrimental effect on the Heritage Asset; in fact it will only improve the current situation due to the change in materials used and its position in the corner of the site adjacent to the boundary.

Photographs of the current site



View from the road (above) The existing garage (below)

